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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 2, and under the authority of M.G.L. ch. 90, § 24 (1)(c)(2), (3), and (3 ½); M.G.L. c. 90, § 31, the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles has scheduled a public hearing on Draft Regulations Governing the Certification, Installation, Use and Maintenance of Ignition Interlock Devices. The public hearing is scheduled for Friday, May 12, 2006, at 11:00 A.M. at the Executive Office of Transportation, Ten Park Plaza, Boston MA in Conference Rooms 2&3. Comments may also be submitted in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 12, 2006.

The draft regulations will exist as new regulations at 540 CMR § 25.00. Briefly, these regulations will establish guidelines and procedures for the certification, installation, use and maintenance of ignition interlock devices on vehicles owned and operated by individuals who seek a hardship license or a full reinstatement from the Registry of Motor Vehicles after they have been convicted of two or more DWI offenses. An ignition interlock device is a breath-alcohol sensing instrument designed to be mounted in an automobile and connected to the ignition key switching system in a way that prevents the vehicle from starting unless the driver first provides a breath sample. These devices contain an instrument to measure the alcohol content of a deep-lung breath sample. If the measured blood alcohol concentration is at or above a set level, the ignition will be locked and the vehicle will not start. These regulations will apply to individuals seeking a hardship license for the duration of a license suspension resulting from repeat convictions for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor or other controlled substances and those individuals who seek a license reinstatement after two or more DWI convictions.

To receive a copy of the draft regulations or to submit written comments you may contact Maria Tobias, Legal Assistant at the Executive Office of Transportation Legal Department, 10 Park Plaza, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02116. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to [maria.tobias@eot.state.ma.us](mailto:maria.tobias@eot.state.ma.us).